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SAMUEL H. TERRAL, Judge.

JAMES H. NEVILLE, District Attorney.

In the county of Winston, on the third Monday

of January and July, and continue six days.

In the county of Lauderdale, on the fourth Mon-
day of January and July, and continue eighteen
days.

In the county of Neshoba, on the third Monday
of February and August, and continue eighteen
days.

In the county of Kemper, on the second Monday
of March and September, and continue twelve
days.

In the county of Clarke, on the fourth Monday
of March and September, and continue twelve days.

In the county of Wayne, on the second Monday
of April and October, and continue six days.

In the county of Greene, on the third Monday
of April and October, and continue six days.

In the county of Marion, First District, on the
second Monday of June and second Monday of De-
cember, and continue six days.

In the county of Hancock, on the second Monday
of May and November, and continue six days.

In the county of Harrison, on the fourth Monday
of May, and continue twelve days, and on the
fourth Monday of November, and continue six
days.

In the county of Jackson, on the second Monday
after fourth Monday of May, and continue six days,
and on the first Monday after the fourth Monday
of November, and continue twelve days.

CHANCERY COURT—SECOND DIST.

SYLVANUS EVANS, Chancellor.

In the county of Lauderdale, on the first Monday
of January and July, and continue twelve days.

In the county of Winston, on the third Monday
of January and July, and continue six days.

In the county of Hancock, on the first Monday
of February and August, and continue six days.

In the county of Jackson, on the first Monday
of February and August, and continue six days.

In the county of Clarke, on the first Monday
of March and September, and continue six days.

In the county of Jasper, on the second Monday
of March and September, and continue six days.

In the county of Perry, on the third Monday
of March and September, and continue six days.

In the county of Marion, First District, on the
third Monday of May and November, and continue
six days.

In the county of Hancock, on the second Mon-
day of May and November, and continue six days.

In the county of Harrison, on the fourth Mon-
day of May, and continue twelve days.

In the county of Jackson, on the second Mon-
day after fourth Monday of May, and continue six
days, and on the first Monday after the fourth
Monday of November, and continue twelve days.

In the county of Jones, on the first Monday
of April and October, and continue six days.

In the county of Covington, on the second Mon-
day of April and October, and continue six days.

In the county of Sumner, on the third Monday
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the cheapest.
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a person can get the best shoes for the
least money. No paper soles, paste-board
counters or wooden heels are used in my
Shoe Factory—none but genuine oak
tanned leather, and I defy competition as
to prices and quality.
Also, have always on hand first-class
hand-made Shingles for sale at reasonable
prices.
Thinking customers for past patronage
invite a continuance of same.
Respectfully, A. BLUMER.
Goods Delivered Free of Charge.
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**THE HAUNTER HAUNT-
ED.**
During the first three years of
my career as a detective I had some
singular jobs given me to work on,
and the manner in which one of
them was worked, and the develop-
ments of the case, may interest the
reader.
About three miles outside the
limits of a large city in Pennsylva-
nia stood a large farm house. There
had been a murder committed
there, and whiskey had played sad
havoc with an heir, and the house
had stood vacant for three years
before I saw it. The farm had passed
into the hands of a New Yorker
on a mortgage, and he seemed to
have forgotten all about it. Natu-
rally enough the cry of "haunted
house" was raised, and presently
you could not have hired a neighbor
to enter the house in the day time.
There were people living within a
quarter of a mile of the place, and
by the by they began to tell some
queer stories. On two occasions
parties of three or four went from
the city to stop in the house all
night, but in each instance they
were driven away by strange noises
before midnight. I lived in a town
four miles from the haunted house,
and consequently heard nothing of
it.
I had a case against an abscond-
ing treasurer. He had the funds of
a large and prosperous lodge in his
hands, and got away with \$3,000
belonging to it. He furthermore
borrowed about \$2,000 of his
friends, and got \$800 more on a forged
draft. This occurred in a town
about thirty miles from the haun-
ted house. The defaulter had bought
a railroad ticket for Chicago, and
had left behind him, as if by acci-
dent, a parcel addressed to a party
in the Garden City. It ought to
have been reasoned that this party
was he under another name, and
that he had gone to Chicago as fast
as steam could carry him, but I re-
solved just the opposite. He had
gone without his trunk or clothing,
but when I came to overhual his
things, his landlady figured out
that two clean shirts, several col-
lars, a stout pair of boots, and an
old suit of clothes were missing
from the house. The boots and old
suit had belonged to a boarder who
died months before.
There were three highways lead-
ing out of the town. I worked two
of them without success. On the
third I soon found a farmer who
had seen a foot traveler resembling
my man pass on the evening he ab-
sconded. Five miles further on I
became positive of his identity.
He walked all that night with only
two brief halts before midnight to
inquire about roads, but once on
his trail I soon picked up plenty of
pointers. The absconder's name
was Kelley, and he was a keen
shrewd fellow. He had planned the
embezzlement and escaped weeks
ahead, and he followed out a regu-
lar programme. He left town dressed
as a laborer, and carrying a val-
ise. He had a light felt hat, a
black felt hat and a cap, and about
once in ten miles he exchanged his
headgear. He was a smooth faced
man, but he had provided himself
with a goatee and side whiskers.
I thus heard of him once as a
smooth faced young man working a
cap and having one arm in a sling;
next as a young man with a goatee
and a black hat; again as a full
whiskered man with a light hat.
I confess that I was badly puzzled
and about ready to despair when I
came to a farm house where he had
stopped for dinner. He was then
smooth faced and wore a cap, and
claimed to be an agent for a wind-
mill company whose rights had
been infringed on, and who were
taking steps to collect a royalty.
When Kelly entered the kitchen
for dinner a hired boy of color, who
was not permitted to eat with the
family, was left in the sitting room.
His curiosity regarding the con-
tents of the valise was aroused, and
he picked the lock and overhauled
them. He was careful not to say

A FELLOW'S MOTHER.

(M. E. Sauter in Youth's Companion.)

"A fellow's mother," said Fred the wise,
With his rosy cheeks and merry eyes,
"Knows what to do if a fellow gets hurt
By a thump, or a bruise, or a fall in the
dirt."

"A fellow's mother has bags and strings,
Kags and buttons, and lots of things,
No matter how busy she is, she'll stop
To see how well you can spin a top."

"She does not care, not much, I mean,
If a fellow's face is not always clean,
And if your trousers are torn at the knee
She can put in a patch that you'd never
see."

"A fellow's mother is never mad,
But only sorry if you are bad;
And I tell you this, if you're only true,
She'll always forgive what e'er you do,
See."

"I'm sure of this," said Fred the wise,
With a manly look in his laughing eyes,
"I'll mind my mother, quick, every day,
A fellow's a baby that don't obey."

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anything of this to the family, but
when I came along on my errand I
soon discovered that he had a se-
cret. The sight of a silver piece
loosened his tongue, and he told me
of the hats and false whiskers.
After that I had no trouble in fol-
lowing Kelly, no matter which dis-
guise he assumed. There was a
direct highway from the town he
left to the city with the haunted
house, but he did not keep it. He
would branch off here and there
and make a half circle to come
back again. One or two nights he
slept in barns, and so I lost track
of him for a few hours. On another
occasion his feet became sore, and
he lay by at a tavern for two days,
and I actually got ahead of him.

While the towns were only thirty
miles apart Kelly traveled all of 100
miles in making the distance, and
he was twelve days about it. I fol-
lowed him mile by mile, and owing
to a severe storm was thirteen days.
I traced him into the suburbs of
the city, and there lost him, and,
though I had the help of three or
four local officers, we could get no
further trace of him. At length
we heard of a person 100 miles
away who bore Kelly's description,
and I was about to start after him
when I overheard the following
conversation in a restaurant.

"So the boys who went to the
haunted house got a scare?"
"An awful scare. I guess a new
ghost has taken possession."

"What did they see or hear?"
"Saw the doors open and heard
groans and various other noises."

"Well, it's funny."

"Yes."

It may seem strange to you that
I at once decided that I had lo-
cated Kelly again. It was quite
probable that he had known of the
haunted house for years, as its fame
was widespread, and the fact of a
new ghost showing up just at this
time made me suspicious. That
night at 10 o'clock, accompanied
by a local detective, I visited the
place. It was a rambling, big farm
house, situated twenty rods from
the highway, and the ground
around was grown up to weeds and
bushes. All the windows were bro-
ken, and some of the doors stood
open, and a more gloomy place I
never saw. We entered by a rear
door, and found the floors rotting
away and the plaster crumbling
off. We pushed on to the sitting
room, where the young men had
stationed themselves the night be-
fore, and here found some blocks of
wood to sit down on. There was a
doorway leading into the front hall,
but the door was gone. There was
a doorway to the parlor, and the
door was partly open. As we look-
ed into the parlor I swung the door
to and fro, and knew that the hin-
gles had been freshly oiled.

When we came to inspect the
cellar we found little but cobwebs
and dust. Each of us had a lan-
tern, and each inspected for himself.
At one corner of the cellar I found
an old oyster can in a queer posi-
tion. It seemed to be sticking to
the floor above, but after a close
examination, without, however,
touching it with my hands, I made
up my mind that it had held there
by a chord. I said nothing to my
companion about this, nor about the
discovery made in the front hall.
At one spot, where the plaster was
off from base to ceiling, I caught
sight of a wire behind the lath-
ing. This led up and down, and the low-
er end was probably attached to
some object. We did not go up
stairs. The front stairs had never
been finished, and the back ones
were so dilapidated that we hesi-
tated to trust them with our weight.

By 11 o'clock we had taken our
seats in the sitting room, eyes and
ears alert, and ready for any emer-
gency. There was no lock or catch
on the door opening into the parlor,
but it was shut. The two windows
looking out of the room had been
boarded up. We placed our lanterns
in a corner, and as we watched
and waited the room was in semi-
darkness and the house as still as
death.

It must have been near midnight
when the performance opened. We
suddenly caught the faint notes of
music, and the sounds lasted for
two or three minutes. I was satis-
fied that the sounds came from a
jewel sharp. My companion whis-
pered that two female voices were sing-
ing while a guitar played an accom-
paniment. The music had scarcely
died away when the parlor door
opened as noiselessly as the swing
of a coffin lid. I was perfectly sat-
isfied that it was the work of hu-
man hands, but I was startled. I
had not told the detective that I
expected to find Kelly in the house.
I had simply said that I expected
to make an important discovery.
When the door swung open the man
started up in alarm and whispered:
"Great heavens! Let us be gone!"

I put my hand on his arm and
waited for the next move. In about
a minute we heard a tank! tank!
tank! on the cellar stairs. I knew
that the sound was made by the
oyster can being lowered a few feet.

es from the floor and drawn up
again by the string, but my com-
panion rose to his feet, wheeled half
around and whispered:
"Look out for yourself! The ens-
sed thing is coming up out of the
cellar."

"Keep still—listen!" I replied,
and when the can "tanked" one for
each step the sound ceased. Then
the parlor door slowly and silently
swung to. As I have told you, I
was dead sure that all these things
were caused by human agency, and
yet I felt a creeping of my flesh,
and my forehead was damp with
perspiration. The detective with
me was as brave a man as ever took
up a trail, but such was the effect
upon him that his face was as white
as snow, his teeth chattered, and he
clutched me and pleadingly ex-
claimed:

"If we stay here another minute
we are both dead men!"
I sat down and drew him down
beside me, and as I did so the par-
lor door opened again, and from
the front hall came groans and
sighs and dull sounds of a struggle.
I knew that the wire I had seen
was being worked behind the lath-
ing, but my companion could stand no
more. He seized both lanterns and
started out, and I had to go along
or be left in the dark. When clear
of the house he made a run for the
highway, and I found him on the
further side of it when I came up.

"What's the matter?" I asked.
"Good God, man, but my nerves
are all gone!" he gasped. I would
not stop in that house another five
minutes for all the money in the
State!

I was satisfied that all the noises
had been made by human agency.
Some one had taken possession of
the house, and I had a feeling that it
was Kelly. It was just in line with
his other sharp tricks. I did not
tell my companion what I suspected,
nor what I intended to do, but I
had all my plans laid before morn-
ing. The old house was two and a
half stories, and whoever was hid-
ing there was likely to be in the gar-
ret. It was also likely that this gar-
ret was reached from the second sto-
ry by a ladder. If the person was
Kelly or any other sharp fellow, the
ladder would be drawn up, or any
one showing his head above the
scuttle would receive a rap. If I
got a squad of men and surrounded
the house the occupant might get
off by some unknown way, or find a
hiding place unknown to us. If we
failed to find any one the whole city
would hold us up to ridicule.

There was no window in the gar-
ret at the back end of the house.
It was hardly daylight before I ap-
proached it from that direction, en-
tered the place with great caution,
and hid myself away beneath the
kitchen stairs. I expected the oc-
cupant of the garret would come
down before noon, but he did not
show up. It was a dark and gloomy
day in the fall, with frequent rain
squalls, and about 2 o'clock in the
afternoon I crept up the stairs in
my stocking feet, entered a room
near where the garret scuttle was
located, and began playing the ghost
for some one else's benefit. I had
brought along a mouth organ, and
I sounded and lung on a few lone-
some notes several times over.

Pretty soon I heard a slight move-
ment overhead. Then I took a fiv-
dle string, made one end fast to a
nail, and when I had hauled that I
picked the string with my thumb
nail. I sent forth complaining
sounds, and I added a few sighs
and groans. The sounds above me
became plainer, and I knew that
some one was listening to the scut-
tle.

I gave him a few more notes,
scratched on the wall and floor, and
in a few minutes a ladder was thrust
down from the scuttle. A few deep
drawn groans on my part brought a
man down the ladder, and as he
reached the foot of it I collared him.
It was Kelly. He who had played
ghost on others had himself fallen
into the trap. He screamed right
out at sight of me, and he did not
get his nerve back until I had him
outdoors. He fully believed for the
time that a spirit made the sounds.
The case was about as I had fig-
ured. He had planned to come to
the house, and he intended to re-
main there several weeks. He had
affixed cords to the top of the par-
lor door to swing it, and had ar-
ranged for all the sounds we heard.

If I felt elated he felt very sheepish
as an offset, and when sentenced to
two years in state prison for his
crime, he said to me:
"It isn't that I was caught, but
that I was outwitted and bamboozled.
Why, man, I had that whole
plan in my head for months, and
I'd have bet a hundred to one that
I'd get safe off. Just think what a
fool I was to take up quarters in a
haunted house, and then let some
one play the ghost on me!"

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who was CAD's wife. Even the
oldest inhabitant doesn't remem-
ber.

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